

C2 packaging cell line is human complement-resistant.

Claim 41, second line, after "wherein" replace "the" with --a--; line three, replace "the" (first occurrence), with --a--; line three, delete "the" (second occurrence).

Claim 42, second line, delete "the" and insert --said first--.

C3 ²⁶~~43~~. (Amended) A retroviral packaging cell line according to claim ¹⁹~~42~~, wherein [the] overlapping sequences between [the] genomes of [the] a retroviral vector sequence and a packaging-deficient construct [is] are reduced by minimizing the extent of non-coding retroviral sequences in [the] a packaging deficient genome.

C4 ²³~~53~~. (Amended) A retroviral packaging cell line according to claim ¹⁵~~37~~, wherein the retroviral packaging cell [line] is a human HT 1080 cell[s] and expresses RD114 envelopes.

Claim 54, second line, replace "11" with --39--.

C5 ³³~~55~~. (Amended) A process for producing a retroviral packaging cell line in which [a] at least one gene of interest is expressed, which process comprises:

transforming host cells with a first and a second recombinant expression vector, said first recombinant expression vector having a packaging-deficient construct comprising a viral gag-pol gene, said gag-pol gene optionally being operably linked to a gene of interest and a first selectable marker gene downstream thereof, and said second recombinant expression vector having a packaging-deficient

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construct comprising a viral env gene, said env gene
optionally being operably linked to a gene of interest and a
second selectable marker gene downstream thereof; wherein the
start codon of the first and second selectable markers are
spaced from the stop codons of the viral gag-pol gene and the
viral env gene respectively by a distance which ensures that
said selectable marker protein is expressed from the
corresponding mRNA as a result of translation reinitiation;
and selecting transformed cells which express [said first
and/or second] at least one and optionally both first and
second marker genes, thereby producing a retroviral packaging
cells line expressing said at least one gene of interest.

[Please add the following new claims:

10/ 58. A nucleic acid construct comprising a gene of
interest and a selectable marker gene, the selectable marker
gene being operably linked 3' to the gene of interest, said
gene of interest associated with a stop codon spaced from a
start codon of said selectable marker gene at a distance
sufficient to ensure that said selectable marker protein is
expressed from the corresponding mRNA as a result of
translation reinitiation.

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11/ 59. A vector comprising the nucleic acid construct of
claim 58.

14/ 60. A vector as claimed in claim 59, said vector being
selected from the group consisting of plasmids, recombinant
retroviral vectors and viral vectors.

15/ 24/ 31. A retroviral packaging cell line according to claim
31, wherein said second recombinant expression vector is a
packaging-deficient retroviral helper construct.
